



Sarasota Youth Opera

Health and Safety Guidelines 8.13.2021

Sarasota Youth Opera is looking forward to welcoming singers back to the Sarasota Opera House. To do so safely, we have adopted guidelines and procedures to ensure that each Youth Opera member's experience is safe and enjoyable.

Information and guidance about COVID-19 are evolving and change based on new evidence. We expect that health and safety protocols may change based on evolving conditions and new guidance from applicable health authorities. Any changes will be communicated as soon as they are known and disseminated by Sarasota Opera's COVID Compliance Officer and the Sarasota Youth Opera Staff.

Before the First Rehearsal

1. Prior to attending the first rehearsal, each Youth Opera Member must have submitted a **Singer Medical Info and Release Form** and a COVID-19 Waiver. The **Singer Medical Info and Release Form** must be signed by a parent or guardian and notarized (there will be a Notary Public at the first few rehearsals to help with the process). A COVID-19 Waiver will be incorporated into the medical form. We encourage each family to fill out the form as completely as possible, including the YO member's COVID vaccination status. This will help us know how to deal with any situations that may arise.
 2. All YO members, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear a cloth or disposable mask over their nose and mouth at all times during rehearsals. We encourage all members to have their own well-fitting mask to use while in rehearsals. Sarasota Youth Opera will provide a mask for those singers who don't have one. Face shields are not acceptable face coverings. If a singer has a medically verifiable breathing condition that prevents the wearing of a mask, please speak to a Youth Opera Staff member to discuss alternatives.
 3. Please remind YO members of appropriate hygiene and social distancing habits including:
 - a. Wash hands frequently throughout the day.
 - b. Utilize sanitizing stations in the Opera House complex.
 - c. Avoid touching your face with your hands.
 - d. Maintain a distance of 6 feet apart from others as much as possible.
 - e. Personal materials are not to be shared, when possible.
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Arriving at Rehearsal

1. Prior to each rehearsal, the Youth Opera Member and Family should monitor their singer for any possible symptoms of illness. If the singer exhibits any symptom of illness they must not come to rehearsal. These symptoms include but are not limited to:
 - a. A fever (100.4°F or higher) or a sense of having a fever
 - b. A cough
 - c. Shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition
 - d. Chills
 - e. A sore throat
 - f. Muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise)
2. Singers should bring a water bottle to use during rehearsals. Water fountains will not be available but there will be water coolers accessible at which singers can refill their bottles.
3. Each singer will have their temperature taken with a contactless thermometer when they arrive at the Opera House. If they exhibit a fever of 100.4°F or higher, they will not be allowed in the building and must go home.
4. Upon entering the Opera House Complex, a singer must be wearing a well-fitting mask covering their nose and mouth. Singers are asked to provide their own masks, but if they do not have one, one will be provided.
5. Any Youth Opera member who arrives early to rehearsal (after school) will be directed to the Peterson Great Room, where they will be supervised by Youth Opera Staff.

MORE INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE



In Rehearsal

1. Rehearsals will be held in the Peterson Great Room where we can observe extra spacing.
2. All Sarasota Youth Opera members and staff will be wearing masks. All Sarasota Opera Staff have been fully vaccinated with an FDA approved vaccine for COVID-19.
3. No parents will be allowed in the Sarasota Opera House complex during rehearsals. They must meet their YO singer outside the building before and after rehearsals.

Safety Precautions within the Sarasota Opera House Complex

Although the possibility of transmission via surfaces is low, enhanced cleaning and sanitation measures have been taken.

- All hard touch surfaces, furniture, music stands, piano, tables, and chairs will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- Between rehearsals all spaces will be sanitized using the Clorox Total 360 system electrostatic sprayers. These are CDC approved for disinfection for COVID-19. Rehearsal rooms will be aired out as much as possible between rehearsals by opening windows and doors and/or using a commercial air scrubber / negative air machine.
- The air conditioning system has been reinforced with a Bi-Polar Ionization system for elimination of virus. They have also been optimized for increased air flow.
- Hand sanitizers have been installed throughout the building. Sanitizing wipes are generally available throughout the complex.

FAQs: CONTACT

If a Youth Opera Member exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 during rehearsal

If a singer becomes ill during rehearsal, they will be moved to an isolated space and will remain under adult supervision until they can be picked up. Singers must be tested for COVID-19 with a PCR test (not a rapid test) to return to rehearsals.

Next Steps

- If COVID test is negative the singer will be permitted back to rehearsal if symptoms have subsided.
- If COVID test is positive, singer cannot return to in person activities until 10 days have passed after their positive test result and their symptoms have subsided. The Sarasota Opera COVID Compliance Officer will also evaluate contact with other singers. If they determine there has been close contact with other unvaccinated singers, it is possible all rehearsals will be suspended or transferred to a virtual format for at least 14 days. All affected singer's families will be notified.

If a Household Member Exhibits Symptoms

If a family or household member of a singer exhibits symptoms and is being tested, the singer may not attend rehearsals. The singer must be quarantined until the results of the family or household member have been received.

- **If the family member's test is negative**, the singer will be permitted back to rehearsal if they have no symptoms.
- **If a family or household member receives a positive test result**, the singer may not come to rehearsal. Please inform Youth Opera Staff who will provide guidance regarding a return to rehearsal. At a minimum the singer must quarantine for at least 10 days if they are not vaccinated or 5 days if they are vaccinated, however that timing may change based on continued contact with the family member and if the family becomes symptomatic. The singer must be symptom-free and receive a negative PCR test result before returning to rehearsals.

If a singer has been notified that they have been exposed to COVID-19 through contact tracing at school or any other organization

- The singer must quarantine for at least 10 days if they are not vaccinated or 5 days if they are vaccinated. The singer must be symptom-free and receive a negative PCR test result before returning to rehearsals.

COVID-19 WAIVER & PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE REQUIRED ON MEDICAL INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORM.